

PATENT APPLICATION 7/9

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Alain BRUGOT, et al.

Appln. No. 09/331,674

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Known

Filed: June 23, 1999

Examiner: Not Yet Known

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING IMAGES HAVING AT LEAST A CODED PART
INDISCERNIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE

RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attention: International Division, Legal Staff

Sir:

This is in response to the Decision on Petition mailed March 14, 2000.

In the Decision, the PTO indicates that the declaration of inventors and the purported English translation submitted by Applicants are both insufficient. Regarding the declaration, the PTO indicates that the handwritten residence information for inventor Alain Brugot is illegible, as are the printed names for the inventors. Regarding the translation, the PTO indicates that 35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2) requires Applicants to submit "a translation into the English language of the international application." The PTO indicates that Applicants are required to provide the English translation of the published international application and, under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5), an English translation of the annexes to the IPER which contain the amendments that, among other changes, eliminated claim 11. The PTO concludes that a proper response to the Decision must include an English translation of the complete, pre-amendment version of the international application, as well as a completely legible declaration of the inventors.

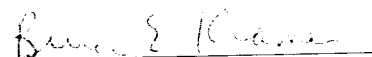
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In response, Applicants submit herewith an English translation of the complete, pre-amendment version of the international application (i.e., an English translation of the entire international application, including claim 11, to satisfy 35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)), as well as a completely legible declaration of the inventors. Also, in the event that it is needed, Applicants submit herewith an English translation of the annexes to the IPER which contain the amendments that, among other changes, eliminated claim 11.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the requirements set forth by the PTO in the Decision have been met. Accordingly, an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the event that any fee is needed, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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